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Our human laws are but the copies, more or less imperfect, of the eternal laws, so far as we can read them.—Froude.

GETTING UNDER COVER

Caught yesterday in as brazen a political trick as was ever tried in this territory, Kuhio and his managers are "getting under cover" just as fast as they can.

Kuhio backs out of any responsibility for that appeal to race prejudice contained in the "postal card call" by declaring that he didn't see the card sent out, that his committee did it all.

And his committee, composed of the saintly and sweet-scented Mr. Andrews and three others, issue a statement this morning in which they also back out of responsibility for raising the race issue.

Incidentally, they characterize as "utterly false and untrue" the statement in this paper that "instructions are being given by Kuhio's managers to Hawaiians to vote a straight Hawaiian ticket with the exception of a few favored haoles. However, this doesn't happen to be either false or untrue, whatever the difference in the two words may mean to Kuhio's sputtering indignant managers. It is true. It has been repeated outside Kuhio headquarters and repeated by men so prominent in the Kuhio camp that their information is not to be questioned.

Now as to the claim that the prince is not attempting to get control of the county convention. Just one quotation from the postal-card so unwisely sent out disposes of that claim forever: "You are requested to attend a caucus of all delegates to the Republican county and district convention who are favorable to the Hon. Jonah Kuhio Kalaniano'ole."

There is no call here for a general caucus, no appeal on broad lines. It is a call of Kuhio men only. It is a naked appeal to irresponsibility. It is a calculated attempt on the part of three or four men to hold up the Republican party at the point of a gun loaded with race-prejudice, and deliver the government of this city into the hands of incompetent, inefficient nondescripts whose only claim to consideration is the fact that they will vote as Kuhio's managers dictate.

ANDREWS

Lorrin Andrews and his part in this campaign can be summed up in a few words. Andrews is the busy little chap who tried to edge his way into the Taft league this spring to fight Kuhio. Getting nothing from the Taft league but the polite intimation that it couldn't afford to be mixed up with him, he promptly ran over to the Kuhio camp to sit up and beg for an encouraging look or a bone. What he got there is a matter of history, and the glorious licking he took in his precinct, the eighth of the fourth, was only equaled by the glorious licking he had been given in another precinct, the third of the fourth, two years previously. Now he has dodged through the back door into the Kuhio camp, where a few bones have doubtless been flung to him.

Scuttling around from door to door, wherever there are bones for himself to be picked up, is not particularly nice, but political mongrels cannot afford to be nice.

WHAT IS KUHIO'S CASE?

Delegate Kuhio again yesterday, as he has done repeatedly during the hearings before Mr. Fisher, exhibited a lack of constructive criticism for the present conditions that would be ridiculous were it not so serious.

It was so serious that it drew from Mr. Fisher a comment that amounted to rebuke—the comment that it does not do for one man to impugn the motives of another who has not done something that the first man cannot tell how to do.

Moreover, the delegate, backed into a corner quickly by a few very simple questions put for information by the secretary, got himself on record in a way that does no good to his own personal fight by saying this:

"Perhaps the fault is not very much on the administration here—perhaps the fault is in Washington."

And again:

"I think something should be done."

But just *who* is to blame the delegate is unable to prove; just *what* should be done, he is unable to point out. He made one half-hearted suggestion yesterday, and that was government

reclamation for Hawaii, but when Fisher asked him what he himself had done to secure an extension of the federal reclamation service to Hawaii, or what he had done toward putting into effect in this territory some such system as the Carey act provides, the delegate, who points with pride to his ten years' record in Washington, actually stammered and plainly found the question not to his liking.

The truth is that so far neither Kuhio nor his counsel have had any real constructive criticism to make.

Have they any at all? The hearings are well advanced, and as yet Kuhio's "case" looks mighty flimsy.

BLOOD IN ULSTER'S EYE

Civil war in England!

It sounds incredible, but that is just what "fighting Ulster" is threatening if the Irish Home Rule bill is passed by the next parliament. Within the last two months conditions have become so nearly chaotic that the talk of civil war is no longer regarded as an outburst of hysterics.

The case for Ulster is stated by the late Duke of Devonshire on the same lines, as quoted by Sir Edward Carson, M. P. for Dublin University, in a letter to the London Times. The passage runs as follows:

"The people of Ulster believe, rightly or wrongly, that under a government responsible to an imperial parliament they possess at present the fullest security which they can possess of their personal freedom, their liberties, and their right to transact their own business in their own way. You have no right to offer them any inferior security to that; and if, after weighing the character of the government which it is sought to impose upon them, they resolve that they are no longer bound to obey a law which does not give them equal and just protection with their fellow-subjects, who can say—how, at all events, can the descendants of those who resisted King James II. say—that they have not a right, if they think fit, to resist, if they think they have the power, the imposition of a government put upon them by force?"

D. Kalauekalani, Sr., is somewhat of an uncertain quantity in politics. He joined the Progressives when George R. Carter headed the organization of the fourteen immortals, he is claimed by the Democrats, has been talking things over with the Kuhio Republicans and yesterday was boosting for Home Rule forever.

J. M. Dowsett is the right kind of senatorial timber. There ought to be no question of the nomination and election of such an eminently capable citizen and legislator as he has proven himself to be.

Why talk about naming a governor from the mainland until it is proved that the present governor has not been a success in office? That is the point under consideration just now.

Local Democrats believe Sheriff Jarrett is sure of reelection, but they are worrying over the prospect that Mayor Fern may have to run against Bob Shingle.

Kuhio naively denies any responsibility for the call to a caucus issued by his manager, Andrews, et al. Perhaps they are only taking his name in vain.

If this trial of "vets" at Schofield Barracks keeps going much longer, there'll be a new angle on the movement for a recall of the judiciary.

Secretary Fisher seems to have no particular trouble extracting the information on Hawaiian sugar conditions that he is after.

In view of recent developments in China, nobody can blame Dr. Sun Yat Sen for declining to stay in as president.

When politicians of the Andrews stripe begin to call caucuses, decent men may well have a care.

The best place to see that total eclipse next November will probably be Oyster Bay.

Is the Kuhio-Frear controversy going to be forced into the county convention also?

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ATTORNEY C. W. ASHFORD—I want to congratulate the Star-Bulletin on its journalistic enterprise in publishing such a complete report of the hearings before Secretary Fisher.

C. H. BROWN—I have been away six weeks, going as far as Chicago, and Diamond Head looked good to me on coming in. Kansas, Washington, California and Illinois are strong for Roosevelt. Wilson will be elected. Taft will hardly have a look-in, as thousands of Republicans all over the country are going to vote for Wilson.

ALEXANDER YOUNG—The rice-planters of the Pawaia flats are complaining of the serious lack of water and an investigation disclosed the fact that Manoa stream is at an almost record-breaking ebb. Did Kapiolani Park have enough water for a thorough flushing each day the mud there would be a little fresher-smelling, anyway. Pinkham's plan wasn't so bad after all.

PERSONALITIES

CAPT. J. E. BELL of the Second Infantry returned from the Coast in the Thomas this morning.

MISS I. UNDERHILL, Herbert A. Wade, Mrs. G. A. Hoffgaard, and Miss Helen Burton are returning teachers in the transport Thomas.

Daniel D. Fish, of the quartermaster department comes to Honolulu to enter the property division in a similar capacity. He is accompanied by his wife, and were passengers in the troopship Thomas.

R. F. CLAYTON, headquarters clerk, has joined the ranks of the benedictines. Clayton returned from the mainland in the troopship Thomas this morning and introduced Mrs. Clayton to a group of inquiring friends.

RICHARD BOLTON, one of the old timers in the clerical division of the U. S. quartermaster department, has been transferred to Honolulu and is an arrival in the transport Thomas. "Dick" Bolton has a long experience in the Philippines and on the mainland to his credit. He is accompanied by Mrs. Bolton and their son.

TWAIN'S TRIBUTE TO GRANT

Lodge Quotes Diary of Adams to Prove Statement of the Profanity of George

Albert Bigelow Paine tells of Mark Twain's now forgotten speech at the great Grant dinner in Chicago in 1872. He had been asked to respond to "The Ladies," but changed his toast to "The Babies."

"Mark Twain declared afterward that he listened to four speeches that night which he would remember as long as he lived. One of them was by Emory Storrs, another by General Vilas, another by Logan, and the last and greatest by Robert Ingersoll, whose eloquence swept the house like a flame.

"Clemens' own speech came last. He had been placed at the end to hold the house. He was preceded by a dull speaker, and his heart sank, for it was 2 o'clock and the diners were weary and sleepy and the dreary speech had made them unresponsive.

"They gave him a round of applause when he stepped up upon the table in front of him—a tribute to his name. Then he began the opening words of that memorable, delightful fancy."

"We haven't all had the good fortune to be ladies; we haven't all been generals, or poets, or statesmen, but when the toast works down to the babies—we stand on common ground." The tired audience had listened in respectful silence through the first half of the sentence. He made one of his effective pauses on the word "babies," and when he added, in that slow rich measure of his, "we stand on common ground," they let go a storm of applause. There was no weariness and no inattention after that. At the end of each sentence he had to stop to let the tornado roar itself out and sweep. When he reached the beginning of the final paragraph, "Among the three or four million cradles now rocking in the land are some which this nation would preserve for ages as sacred things if we could know which ones they are," the vast audience waited breathless for his conclusion. Step by step he led toward some unseen climax—some surprise, of course, for that would be his way. Then steadily, almost without emphasis, he delivered the opening of his final sentence:

"And now in his cradle somewhere under the flag, the future illustration of the American commander-in-chief of the United States armies is so little burdened with his approaching grandeur and responsibilities as to be giving his whole strategic mind at this moment to trying to find out some way to get his own big toe into his mouth, an achievement which (meaning no disrespect) the illustrious guest of this

evening also turned his attention to some 56 years ago. After all, he seemed likely to overdo it—to spoil everything with a cheap joke at the end.

"No one ever knew better than Mark Twain the value of a pause. He waited now long enough to let the silence become absolute, until the tension was painful; then wheeling to Grant himself, he said, with all that dramatic power of which he was master:

"And if the child is but the father of the man, there are but few who will doubt that he succeeded!"

"The house came down with a crash. The inkling of their hero's great military triumphs with that earliest of all conquests seemed to them so grand a figure that they went mad with the joy of it. Even Grant's iron serenity broke; he rocked and laughed while the tears streamed down his cheeks."

TRADE EXPANSION IN FULL SWING

Bradstreet's, August 24: Expansion is the key word of the trade situation as the month draws to a close and buyers feel the seasonal spur to the laying in of supplies for fall and winter. This is, of course, largely predicted upon the prospect of assured or expected large crop yields, and finds chief expression in the west, northwest and southwest, where crop certainty has, generally speaking, supplanted prediction. Coincidentally with the marketing of the early gathered crops, collections show a tendency to improve, and the money market likewise gives evidence of increased activity and strength of quotations. Perhaps the only possible check to full present or near future activity is found in the gradually enervating political campaign, but it is a matter of widespread remark that political discussion is apparently given less than expected weight, while trade and industrial attention is largely riveted upon the more solid assurance of good crops and the expansion of human activities that usher in the autumn season.

Weather conditions have not been altogether favorable to trade this week, heavy rains having visited most sections of the country, but particularly the northwest, where spring wheat harvesting, threshing and movement have been interfered with, and also the corn belt, where, however, the rains are regarded as a favorable feature, in that a supply of moisture sufficient to mature that crop has now fallen. Warm, dry weather is the chief desideratum there and in the south, where cotton is conceded to have gained ground during August, and a next-to-record crop of the south's chief staple is apparently in the making. Trade demand has expanded noticeably in dry goods, lumber, coal, wool, shoes, leather, and last, but by no means least, in iron and steel, where higher prices have apparently not acted as a bar to further booking.

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Payment of this 21-2 per cent is made in the form of coupons, to be deposited in a bank. The coupons are non-negotiable; that is, they cannot be converted into cash. No cumbersome method of registering the child is necessary. The coupons are good only or deposit in a sound bank. Here they are accepted as cash deposited in the name of your child. The coupons or deposit are to be taken to the bank in an amount not less than \$1. The banker accepts the coupons as cash deposited and makes out in the child's name a regular bank passbook, at the same time issuing a certificate of membership. The bankbook remains in possession of the child and shows the amount deposited.

This money cannot be drawn from the bank until the child has arrived at the age of 21. On that day the banker will pay over the money the child deposited, with a smile of encouragement and a wish for the success of the boy or girl.

This is an interesting variation of the merchandise coupon idea; it is one which, in good hands, ought to work well to encourage the growth of thrift.

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